

FRIGHTFUL

Tenement House Fire in Newark, N. J., in Italian Quarter.

FOURTEEN PEOPLE PERISH

In the Flames or by Suffocation, and There Were Scenes of Wild Excitement Among the Tenants Who Escaped.

NEWARK, N. J., March 12.—Fifteen persons, a majority of whom were children, were burned to death in a tenement house at Morris and Fourteenth avenues about five o'clock this morning. Thirteen bodies were recovered from the ruins within three hours after the flames had been extinguished.

The building was a three-story frame structure, formerly used as a church, but transformed into a tenement house with small rooms, scarcely eight by ten feet in dimensions, opening into a narrow hallway on both the second and third floors, forming a veritable fire trap.

This is right in the heart of the Italian district, and the greatest excitement prevails. This feeling has been greatly intensified since seven o'clock, when it first became known that the fire was of incendiary origin, and within fifteen minutes of the time when this report was first circulated men and women, well nigh crazed by grief, ran tearing around the streets looking for the man who was responsible for the frightful tragedy and threatening all sorts of dire vengeance.

Three or four minutes after five o'clock this morning the fire was discovered, but long before the fire apparatus reached the scene the interior of the burning tenement was peopled with wild Italians, running hither and thither, unable to find means of escape. Every room emptied its occupants into those narrow little halls, and there was no escape for the frightened tenants because of the jam, and they could not get out. There were at least twelve families in the place, sixty persons in all, of whom perhaps fifty were children unable to care for themselves.

Four men jumped from a front window. Several were hurt. The flames spread with frightful rapidity, and the wind sent the sparks yesthoast, threatening all the frame tenements in that direction. The place was like a roaring caldron when the firemen reached the place. The ladders were quickly put in position, and then began the work of rescue.

One after another the women and then the men were taken down, while other firemen devoted their attention to drowning out the flames. This they succeeded in doing in less than an hour, but during that hour a frightful sacrifice had been offered.

Nearly every room in the house contained its victim. Few were really burned to death. Most of them were smothered to death. The bodies were carried out by the firemen.

Following is a corrected list of bodies recovered from the fire:

Antonio Parnicino.
Bastiano, his wife.
Giuseppe Parnicino, seven years old.
Nuglietto Parnicino, one year.
Oceana Casino.

Angelo Casino, his wife.
Tony Casino, son of above, nine years.
Bevinta Casino, four years.
Frank Casino, two and a half years.
Carrine Casino, daughter, one year.
Mrs. Guetano Pallmona.
Giuseppe Barto.
Mrs. Munziato Barto, his wife.
Theresa Barto, daughter, seven years.

Vito Credavo is locked up on suspicion of having set fire to the building. Credavo, with his wife and two children, occupied the rear portion of one of the upper stories. He was arrested on a statement made by Virginia Di Prula, who was a boarder in the house. Di Prula told Captain Edwards that when he was awakened by the smoke he found Credavo and his family fully dressed and ready to leave the burning building. When Credavo was taken to the station house he became much excited, but denied that he had set fire to the building or had any knowledge as to the origin of the fire.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

New Postoffice—Changes in Star Route Service.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—A new postoffice has been established in West Virginia, known as Glencoe, in Greenbrier county. Cynthia J. Heaster is the postmaster.

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FEEL THE CHANGE.

Hundreds Voluntarily Endorse a Springfield, Ohio, Product.

A Statement by a Well Known Citizen Who Has Found Great Relief by Using It.

The time has come when people in Wheeling feel the change. Many people in this city have given voluntary endorsement of the great change they have felt after using Morrow's Kid-ne-oids; the people realize the good obtained by their use, and give hearty expression of the same.

Kid-ne-oids will cure a lame back, kidney backache, urinary and kidney disorders, sleeplessness, restlessness and nervousness. In ways like to give reference as to the merits of Morrow's Kid-ne-oids, and this time refer you to Mr. William Stein, who lives at No. 486 Market street. He says: "I was troubled for some time with a severe and very sharp pain across the small of my back, just over the kidneys. I became nervous and sleepless; my sleep was so broken that I would not get the rest that I should, and would get up feeling more tired in the morning than when I went to bed. I was advised by my friends to try Morrow's Kid-ne-oids, and after securing some at a drug store, and taking them according to directions I was greatly relieved. The druggist guaranteed me to cure, or will refund the money."

Morrow's Kid-ne-oids are a great nerve tonic, which acts on the nerves by restoring them to their normal condition without artificial means. We warrant the remedy to do all that we claim if used as we direct. To confirm the statement of Mr. Stein we want you to ask him about Morrow's Kid-ne-oids. He is a grateful man, and will be glad to tell you personally how much he was benefited by their use. Do not confound Morrow's Kid-ne-oids with any kind of kidney pills; they are not pills, but Yellow Tablets, which is the most scientific way of preparing medicine, and the purchasers of them should be careful to see that no other remedy is substituted. They are put up in wooden boxes, which sell for 50 cents each at all drug stores. Descriptive booklet mailed upon request by John Morrow & Co., Springfield, Ohio.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Some Alleged Fallacies of Miss Bissell Pointed Out.

H. B. B., in an Eastern Exchange: Miss Emily Bissell, of Delaware, on February 14, in a plausible but sophistical argument before the United States senate and house committees, condemned into small compass a surprising amount of "vast and varied misinformation." She expressed a dread of the undue chivalry of men who want so desperately to "give women all they really need"—except equality and justice.

In the gains of fifty years of the movement which has accomplished so many beneficent changes, she finds only an evidence of its failure. The successive concessions wrung from unwilling legislatures and reluctant opponents—freedom of thought, of speech, and of action, educational and industrial opportunities, personal and property rights—all these are quoted as proofs that political representation is unnecessary. She ignores the triumphant establishment of full woman suffrage in four states, and of partial woman suffrage in twenty-five states and territories, and coolly remarks that "the woman's movement is in existence, that after fifty years it has not only not the minority, but with strong associations of women banded against it."

If Miss Bissell were familiar with the history of the struggles and events of the century now drawing to a close, she would know that every one of the successes which she enumerates has been achieved by the suffragists, and has been rendered by the solid conservatism of a majority of women and men, quite as vigorously as the demand for suffrage. Every step has been gained by the brave minority in face of strong opposition banded against it. When Fanny Wright addressed an audience of men and women for free thought, in 1835, she was branded as an infidel. When Lucretia Mott pleaded for religious equality she was regarded by her Quaker associates as "a troublemaker in Israel." When Abby Kelly pleaded for the slave, and became (oh, horrors!) a member of a business committee of the American Anti-Slavery Society, she was denounced by Christian ministers as a "Jehzebelle." When Mary Lyon asked the New York legislature to admit her women's academy, she received "leave to withdraw." When Elizabeth Blackwell, seeking for a medical diploma, applied in vain to more than twenty medical colleges, and at last secured admission to Geneva, she was shunned and avoided by women as if her presence was pollution. When Lucy Stone sought to secure equal property rights for wives, she was scornfully opposed by married women with the inquiry, "Do you think I would give myself where I am unwilling to give my property?" It is by the heroic labors and sacrifices of hundreds of pioneer suffragists that the freedom of thought and speech and action have been secured which Miss Bissell to-day misuses to shield her sisters in their advance from political subjection to republican equality. Had she lived even fifty years ago, Miss Bissell would not more have addressed a congressional committee than she would have committed highway robbery, nor could she have done so without incurring social ostracism.

It is amazing to observe the naive provincialism with which this daughter of little Delaware, with its 2,120 square miles and 168,493 inhabitants, depreciates the far greater importance of the four western states where women have the ballot. "Colorado," she says, "has less inhabitants than Baltimore." True; but the population of Colorado is 412,983, two and a half times that of the state of Delaware. Miss Bissell's tiny state sends only one representative and two senators to Congress; the four western states send five representatives and eight senators. In area the western states exceed 300,000 square miles—nearly one hundred and fifty times that of Delaware. In population the western states are enormously greater than now. In face of overwhelming and absolutely conclusive evidence of the success of woman suffrage where established, Miss Bissell declares it a failure. Yet with cynical frankness she adds: "If I felt that a vote might help me, I might become a suffragist."

Regardless of the fact that in the states where women have full suffrage they habitually vote more generally than the men, while the men vote more generally than they do in Delaware, Miss Bissell affirms that "women do not want to vote," an assertion impossible to verify, and wholly irrelevant to the wisdom and justice of the demand.

But Miss Bissell and her sister remonstrants represent only a survival of ancient prejudices fast becoming obsolete. She herself, in her public opposition, has become a "new woman." By taking part in the discussion, she too, helps on the movement, and will stir hundreds hitherto indifferent to an active interest in our work. So we welcome her as an unintentional ally.

PASSING PHENOMENA.

Cruel to Animals.—"What kind of a man is Tibbs?" "He's the kind that would kick an automobile for getting out of gasoline."—Chicago Record.

Tompkins—I see they're forging British florins at Pretoria. Jobson—Very likely, but I'll be hanged if they'll counterfeit British "Bobs."—Punch.

"He paints pictures all the time, but he never sells any." "That must be awfully monotonous." "It is; he never has any change."—Philadelphia Record.

Round to Get There.—"He's an active business man, isn't he? Never loses a bit of time." "That's right. He even writes a running hand."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Bit of Finesse.—He—I thought you had given up candy during Lent. She—Well, I have; that is, I don't buy any, but I sometimes eat it to oblige people who give it to me.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Benefactor.—"James," whispered the good woman, "there's a burglar in the parlor. He stumbled against the piano in the dark. I heard several of the keys struck." "All right," said James, "I'll go down." "Oh! James, you're not going to do anything rash?" "Certainly not. I'm going to help him. You don't suppose he can get that piano out of the house without assistance, do you?"—Philadelphia Press.

BRIDGEPORT HAPPENINGS.

Events of a Day in the Town at the End of the Bridge.

The funeral of Mrs. James Smith took place yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, from the residence of her sister, Mrs. E. T. Howell, in Kirkwood. Rev. J. S. Secret, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, officiated. Interment was at Weeks' cemetery.

The nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, of Wheeling Creek, died yesterday morning. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and interment will be at Weeks' cemetery.

Mrs. A. S. Leland, Mrs. William Hayworth and Frank Worthington, of Zanesville, attended the funeral of Mrs. James Smith, in this city, yesterday.

The local order of Railway Trainmen, will give a dance at the opera house Friday evening, which promises to be very enjoyable.

Robert Wixon had his right hand badly cut yesterday morning, on a sheet of tin at the Astoria-Standard mill.

The original Swiss Bell Singers will appear at the First Presbyterian church, Saturday evening.

The work of tearing down the old glass house in the upper end of town, is nearly completed.

Mrs. William Medill, of Tiltonville, attended the funeral of Mrs. James Smith yesterday.

Colonel C. F. Copeland will deliver a lecture at Colerain, Saturday evening, March 13.

The daguer of Wheeling creek will give a dance at Meyers' hall Saturday evening.

David Boston is able to be on the streets, after a two months' illness.

Moore Dillon, of Chicago, is the guest of S. Woodcock, in Kirkwood.

L. S. Weigand, of Sandusky, was in town yesterday, on business.

George McKee has returned from a business trip to Dillonvale.

Everly South has returned from a business trip to Wellsville.

Joseph Lee is slowly recovering from his recent illness.

BENWOOD.

News Notes From the Busy Marshall County Town.

Charles Seabright, Jr., the Republican candidate for marshal, is conducting a splendid campaign, and his election is certain. He will get the support of many First ward Democrats, who don't like the way they were aligned in the police appointments under the present administration.

The Methodist Episcopal church congregation is making arrangements for holding a big fair and bazaar in May, and to-morrow evening there will be a meeting at the church of the committee. This church gave a very successful similar affair last fall.

Last night, at Squire Riddle's office, there was a meeting of the Republican ward committees and the candidates. Arrangements were perfected for the ballots, which have to be filed twenty days before the election.

The candidacy of Edgar M. Lewis, of this county, for auditor, is assuming more prominence. Cards and badges bearing his photograph were circulated in bunches in Benwood yesterday.

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